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Situation Report

Severe Storms

July 21, 2006 Afternoon Summary

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SUMMARY:

A new, strong storm system moved through North St. Louis and the Metro area late this morning. The number of customers without power went from approximately 305,000 to over 560,000. St. Charles County and Montgomery County also suffered storm damage. Additional reports of storm damage are expected to be received.

State, Federal and local government officials are continuing to participate in daily conference calls to coordinate resource requests and maintain communications. Officials from FEMA are at the EOC working.

State officials are in contact with local St. Louis Officials concerning the storms during the evening of July 19-20, 2006 in the St. Louis Metro area. Initial reports indicate approximately 500,000 AmerenUE customers are without electrical power, approximately 30 injuries have been reported, storm debris throughout the city and damage to buildings occurred as a result of high winds and possible tornado activity.

Washington County, (Potosi) has reported some storm related damage and preliminary information is still coming into SEMA Duty Officer. Some power had been restored to parts of the water system early this morning.

Washington County continues to experience power outage in some areas. Water system in Potosi is not able to keep up with existing demands, and a water conservation order has been issued.

Washington County officials have requested 100 cots and 2 power generators. Information on generator vendors, with contact telephone numbers and names has been provided to city and county officials. SEMA has stressed local officials with a critical need for generators should obtain them as soon as possible.

Iron County reports power outage and water issues in rural areas and some small towns.

State officials continue to make frequent contact with city and county officials in affected areas.

Electrical Power outage compounds concerns due to on-going high heat conditions in Missouri.

Ameren has restored electric service to approximately 270,000 customers since 7:00 pm on the night of July 19th. Approximately 325,000 customers in the St. Louis Metro area, with 90,000 in within City of St. Louis, remain without power. Total number of customers in State of Missouri service by Ameren without power as of this morning is approximately 350,000.

Ameren advised they are now getting offers of assistance from out-lying electric utility companys. As of this morning, approximately 2,040 linemen will be working to restore power in their service areas. Ameren has established a priority list for restoration of power, which is: Hospitals, City services and utilities, Cooling Centers, Nursing homes and fuel terminals.

City of St. Louis:

City Public Safety Officials have been conducting damage assessments this morning. 10 of 14 cooling stations in the city are without power, and plans are to use 10, 60 passenger busses as temporary cooling sites throughout the city for heat relief. City crews will be working on debris removal for the next two days or so. City workers are conducting door-to-door health checks to locate people who may need assistance. Red Cross and Salvation Army officials have been contacted to coordinate any assistance they can offer.

Eleven of 14 cooling stations around city are now operating with power. City of St. Louis requested 500 cots; this request is being routed to appropriate agencies to address need. Also, City requested assistance from Missouri National Guard for assistance with search and rescue, debris removal, and public safety concerns.

City is currently providing 6 shelters for approximately 400 people. 200 additional beds will be added by Friday this morning. City officials are anticipating a need for additional nurses and volunteers to help at the shelters with health related issues.

City of St. Louis Health Department reported 16 heat related admissions to hospitals on Wednesday and 53 admissions on Thursday. They anticipate Friday numbers may be higher as far as admissions.

St. Louis County Actions:

The boil-water order for some county residents was lifted early this morning.

Two cooling stations have a total of between 600-700 persons utilizing the location.

County Officials reported over 100 traffic control signals at intersections around the county are damaged and not operational at this time.

County officials report they are possibly going to need assistance with transporting people from shelters back to their homes.

St. Louis County reports they have 38 cooling stations set up in various locations throughout the county. County officials indicate everything seems to be going fairly well considering the magnitude of the power outage suffered.

State Actions:

Governor Blunt issued a public service announcement warning citizens on the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning due to running generators without proper ventilation, and other safety related issues caused by lack of electrical power.

Missouri State Highway Patrol provided 10 Troopers to assist St. Louis County with police duties in North County.

Office of Administration coordinated the use of two 350kw generators from the City of Rolla to the City of St. Louis Metro Police at two locations within the city.

Potosi Correctional Center has electrical power at this time. Generator at prison will be sent to City of Potosi to use for their water system.

Department of Mental Health reports Bellefontaine Habilitation Center now has 2 generators up and running; they were delivered during the night, and residents now have air conditioning and electricity.

Department of Social Services continues provide water and juice to Washington County on a large scale. Two truck loads of water are being delivered and more are available. Three loads of water from Busch per day are being scheduled for Washington County starting today.

Department of Health & Senior Services is monitoring the need for additional nursing and medical personnel in St. Louis. IV supplies were reported to be getting in short supply in Potosi, and that need is being addressed.

State agencies in the St. Louis area affected by the storm who have resource needs are directing their requests to their fellow state agencies to provide relief to local resources.

Department of Mental Health gave out toll-free number (1-800-364-9687) for shelters and agencies to provide to anyone who may need assistance.

Governor Blunt issued Executive Orders numbers 06-25 and 06-26 declaring a state of emergency and authorizing the Missouri National Guard to provide assistance to the citizens in the affected areas of the state.

Representatives from **Department of Social Services**, DHSS, MoDOT, DNR, SEMA, and the Missouri Public Service Commission are meeting to coordinate state resources responding to the storm damaged areas. Daily conference calls are being held on regular schedule until the situation stabilizes.

MoNG and Army Corps of Engineers have been contacted on availability of power generators if needed. SEMA staff are continuing to collect information from metro and outlying areas of the state effected by this storm system. SEMA will coordinate with FEMA Region 7 and continue to monitor situation and respond to requests for support.

The State Emergency Operations Center is now operating at a level 2 activation on a 24/7 status. Staff from DPS, DHSS, DNR, SEMA, Office of Administration, Mental Health, Social Services, Highway Patrol, Missouri Nation Guard and the Division of Fire Safety are on duty.

Missouri State Highway Patrol contacted law enforcement and relief agencies in St. Louis and checked to see if they needed any assistance. No requests for help at this time, local authorities indicate all is going well.

MoDOT delivered 24 cots to the city of Potosi and 386 to the St. Louis staging area near Monsanto campus, and another 380 to staging area at Hazelwood High School. Escort of MoDOT drivers to staging areas was provided by Missouri State Highway Patrol Troopers out of Troop C.

DNR and Social Services are working with private businesses to supply bottled drinking water to distribution sites in St. Louis City/County and Potosi Missouri. Supplies of water have been provided by Busch and Wal-Mart.

DHSS is working with private well owners in Washington County to make sure well water is safe.

DNR has issued a debris waste waiver for yard waste. The issue of large amounts of spoiled food is being discussed by DNR and City officials.

Missouri National Guard has 227 soldiers conducting door-to-door health checks and debris removal activities in St. Louis area.

Other State Agency and Volunteer Agency Actions:

Red Cross representative is present and working from EOC floor.

Red Cross and Salvation Army have been in contact with St. Louis City officials

Red Cross and Salvation Army authorities continue to work with local governments in the storm affected areas. Requests for cots, cooling tents, and other assistance continue to be passed on to these agencies.

Point of Contact:

SEMA Duty Officer after hours (Starting at 4:30 pm) number is 573-751-2748. During normal duty hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.

This Situation Report and other storm-related information may be viewed at the following web address:

<http://sema.dps.mo.gov/Situation%20Reports.htm>